

App. No. 10/037,966

Amendment under 37 CFR §1.111

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 12-27, and 47-59 remain pending and under consideration. Claims 1, 12, 16-20, and 23 are independent claims. Claims 5-11, 28-46, and 60-74 drawn to non-elected species are currently withdrawn from consideration. Claims 75-139 drawn to non-elected inventions are cancelled. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are hereby respectfully requested.

Examiner has objected to Claims 4 and 20 because of minor deficiencies. The objections are believed overcome, since Claims 4 and 20 have been amended to correct the deficiencies.

Examiner has provisionally rejected Claims 1-4, 23-27, and 47-59, based on the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, as unpatentable over Claims 83-112 of co-pending U.S. non-provisional App. No. 10/187,030.

Since Claims 83-112 of co-pending App. No. 10/187,030 have not as yet been patented, and since it is believed that all other issues pertaining to patentability of Claims 1-4, 23-27, and 47-59 have been resolved, Applicants respectfully request that the provisional rejection of Claims 1-4, 23-27, and 47-59 be withdrawn (MPEP §804).

Applicants acknowledge allowance of Claims 12-22.

In view of the above, it is submitted that Claims 1-4, 23-27, and 47-59 are in condition for allowance. Allowance of Claims 12-22 is acknowledged. Reconsideration and withdrawal of objections and rejections is respectfully requested. Allowance of Claims 1-4, 23-27, and 47-59 at an early date, and reinstatement and allowance of non-elected species Claims 5-11, 28-46, and 60-74, are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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